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Cirque's creator off to space: Report

TRIP Though Guy Laliberté's latest Cirque du Soleil creation is about Earth-bound insects, his next might revolve around creatures from space, if he finds inspiration in a rumoured upcoming trip to the stars.

The Canadian Space Agency, in conjunction with Virginia-based Space Adventures Ltd., will tomorrow announce that a Canadian is forking out millions to become the next space tourist and visit the International Space Station in September.

That Canadian is said to be the billionaire Laliberté.

Space Adventures contracts with the cash-strapped Russian Federal Space Agency to send private citizens into space in the Soyuz capsule. So far, six people have made the trek, at a cost of between \$20 and \$45 million each, according to the company.

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Thousands of forestry workers and their supporters from across the country marched on the minister of Natural Resources' office to the Prime Minister's Office yesterday to ask the government to protect workers' pensions and to keep mills operating. **Story, pg 2**

Charges flawed: Defence

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Convicting Mayor Larry O'Brien of influencing or pretending to influence a political appointment would have "absurd and preposterous results" for Canadian politicians, a member of O'Brien's defence team argued yesterday.

In an outline of the defence's verdict application, David Paciocco, a University of Ottawa law professor, told Judge Douglas Cunningham that political advantage is too "ephemeral" to be considered a reward.

"Even if (the Crown) managed to establish everything they set out to prove, no conviction can emanate on these charges," he said. "The terms reward, benefit or advantage of any kind cannot be interpreted literally. It would lead to absurd and preposterous results."

O'Brien is facing two criminal charges relating to allegations that he attempted to secure an appointment to the National Parole Board for Terry Kilrea, in exchange for Kilrea dropping out of the 2006 mayoral campaign.

The reality, Paciocco said, is that since the inception of the nation, political appointments have been made and discussed on countless occasions in exchange for political reasons.

"If negotiating with someone, or offering someone an appointment in exchange for political advantage is a criminal offence, we will be declaring the conduct of many honourable members and indeed prime ministers of this country criminal," he said.

Paciocco said it would be pointless for it to be criminal for "Larry and Moe to argue what position Curly's going to get in the event that Larry and Moe might someday fall into power."

Paciocco said the defence team has arranged for testimony from an expert witness to reveal, and they have a pile of documents over a foot high that would support their position.

Crown attorney Scott Hutchison said he believes that in this case, political advantage could be considered a reward or benefit, but he had no quarrel with the defence argument.

The trial resumes Monday.

Sunny Side

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Air France wreckage found

PLANE Brazilian military planes have found the wreckage of an Air France jet that crashed in the Atlantic Ocean with 228 people on board earlier this week, the defence minister said yesterday.

Nelson Jobim said there was "no doubt" the five-kilometre strip of wreckage was from the Airbus A330 that went missing early Monday after flying into stormy weather.

"It confirms that the plane fell in this area," Jobim said at a news conference in Rio de Janeiro, from where the plane took off Sunday night for its planned route to Paris.

The debris spotted by Brazilian air force pilots earlier yesterday included

Black box search

• The search for the plane's "black box" could turn into an epic task comparable to the exploration of the Titanic, experts say. The flight recorders could be on the ocean floor at a depth of 2,000 to 3,000 metres.

plane seats, an orange buoy, metallic objects and fuel stains in the water about 1,200 km northeast of the Brazilian coastal city of Recife.

Jobim said no bodies had yet been sighted by military pilots who scoured the area and that finding the "black box" flight data and voice recorders that hold clues to why the plane crashed

would be "extremely difficult."

The chances of finding survivors among the 12 crew and 216 passengers of 32 different nationalities appeared close to zero, meaning it would be the worst disaster in Air France's 75-year history.

Authorities remained baffled by how a storm could have caused the modern plane built to withstand severe weather and operated by three experienced pilots to crash without even sending a distress signal.

One theory is that a lightning strike or brutal turbulence set off failures, but families were facing a long wait for answers as the search for the plane's flight recorders continues. **REUTERS**

Local



Ride two for one on transit today

Today, ride transit and bring a friend for free. OC Transpo and the Société de transport de l'Outaouais (STO) have teamed up to offer a special fare deal on Clean Air Day that benefits the environment. This special one-day offer encourages commuters to leave their cars at home and try transit as a more environmentally friendly way to get to work or school. **METRO OTTAWA**

Tamils to gather in praise of Canada's human rights stand

DEMONSTRATION A massive Tamil rally is expected today, nearly five weeks after 30,000 Tamil supporters gathered on Parliament Hill.

The demonstration is expected to start around 11 a.m. and finish around 6 p.m. Police are advising commuters to expect delays around Wellington Street.

Canadian Tamils were calling on the Canadian government to intervene in the civil war in Sri Lanka. The two-week protest in front of Parliament Hill in April culminated with the massive rally on April 21.

According to a spokesperson for the Coalition to Stop the War in Sri Lanka, today's rally is intended to praise the Canadian government "for playing a crucial role in rallying the west to stand up for human rights."

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Forestry workers rally for support

Union president says industry not asking feds for bailout, but to backstop loans

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Gilles Forget is fearful about what the forestry crisis will do to his town.

The mayor of Iroquois Falls, located northeast of Timmins, said there used to be 1,000 people working in the forestry industry. "Now we have 350," he said.

When there are no jobs, people move away, he said.

"If you kill the industry, you kill the town."

"And it's not just the towns that are affected, but the entire region."

Thousands of forestry workers and their supporters from across Canada gathered here yesterday to march from the Minister of Natural Resources' office to the Prime Minister's Office.

Forestry workers held the rally demanding a meeting with the prime minister to

discuss solutions to the forestry crisis, including protection of workers' pensions and a plan to keep viable mills operating through federal government loan guarantees and other measures.

"We want to wake up Stephen Harper," said Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union of Canada (CEP) president Dave Coles. "Our main demand has always been for

the federal government to backstop loans so that viable companies can keep operating, saving jobs and communities. We are not asking for a bailout."

Forget said the U.S. government is supporting its forestry industries, which will likely come out stronger if Canada doesn't offer support.

Saunders Deneault, a vice-president with Local 90 representing maintenance

workers and production at the mill in Iroquois Falls, put it more bluntly.

"If something isn't done, by the end of this year, we won't have mills in Canada," he said.

A retired forestry worker in Niagara, Ron Hartle said he attended the rally to support all the people whose jobs are at stake. "We've lost 55,000 jobs in the forestry industry in the last 10 years," said Hartle.

Swans royally harken spring, summer

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For many, it's one of Ottawa's first signs of spring.

The city released 10 of its 12 royal swans at three locations on the Rideau River for the 2009 season yesterday.

Officials gathered for the release of the mute swans and Australian black swans at Brantwood Park, Brewer Park and Dutchy's Hole. The two remaining swans will be released at a later date.

"The annual release of the swans is another rite of passage to spring and summer in Ottawa," said Coun. Diane Deans yesterday.

The swans are descendants of the dozen birds that Queen Elizabeth II presented to the city as a gift to mark Canada's Centennial year in 1967, said Christine Hartig, who has been caring for the swans for 22 years. The release of the swans is something a lot of Ottawans look forward to, Hartig said.

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Coun. Diane Deans, left, releases two of the city's mute swans into the Rideau River at Brantwood Park yesterday as city employee Jamie Anderson, centre, looks on. The royal swans make the Rideau their home from June to October each year.

Original plays draw for Magnetic North

When Magnetic North Theatre Festival artistic director Ken Cameron travels the country in search of plays to include in his latest lineup, he asks himself one crucial question.

"My selection criteria is: 'Is this a play that the rest of the country has to see right now?' If the answer is unequivocally yes, then I move heaven and Earth to get it to Magnetic North," he said.

As a result, arguably some of the country's most interesting and irresistible theatre works are coming to Ottawa as the festival returns to the nation's capital for the fourth time today.

Included in the festival is the Ottawa debut of *Nevermore: The Imaginary Life and Mysterious Death of Edgar Allan Poe*, a work commissioned by the festival back in 2007; *Skydive*, an award-winning play already seen by 25,000 people in Canada; and *Trudeau Stories*, a one-woman play

11-day fest

• More than 10,000 people are expected to attend the 11-day festival, which features nine mainstage productions and one student production, 16 events that bring audiences and artists together, yoga, bands, a series for cultural professionals, a reading series, a walking tour and a student and emerging artist symposium.

about the artist's friendship with Pierre Elliott Trudeau. There will be a lot of interest in that piece, said Cameron.

The Rideau Project, written by six Ottawa-based playwrights, will also speak to people in Ottawa, said Cameron.

The festival, which alternates between Ottawa and the rest of Canada, "is a national gathering place for all corners of the country," said Cameron.

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Take a peek in Doors Open

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You may never get to go where no man has gone before, but this weekend, Ottawa residents can tour places that aren't normally open to the public.

Some of the national capital's most important and interesting buildings, landmarks and attractions — 108, to be exact — will not only be opening their doors to all residents and tourists this weekend, they'll be doing it for free when the city hosts its seventh annual Doors Open Ottawa.

The event — expected to attract between 40,000 and 60,000 people over two days — “is the best way for a tourist to get to know and explore the city,” said Marcelle Kimberley, event co-ordinator for Doors Open Ottawa.

But it's great for locals as well, she said.

“It gives us an appreciation for what we pass by everyday,” said Kimberley. “Under normal circumstances, they wouldn't give a tour of the building. Once you get in, you hear the sto-



Located at 175 Loretta Ave., the City of Ottawa's traffic operations centre will be participating in Doors Open Ottawa Saturday and Sunday.

ries. They talk to the public about what goes on within the walls, and about the architecture and history. It gives you a new appreciation for your surroundings.”

Among the 108 locations are 15 new participants, said Kimberley. These include the K.W. Neatby building, the Gordon Harrison Arts

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Studio; the Gladstone Theatre, St. Brigid's Centre for the Arts and Humanities; and the new building for the Delegation of the Ismaili Imam, which Kimberley suspects will “have a lot of visitors.”

Other attractions include the Beechwood National Memorial Centre in Vanier, which will have the architect on site Sunday; the city's traffic operations headquarters on Loretta Street, which allows visitors to be “the eyes in the sky;” and the Canadian Conservation Institute.

War and peace in the park

DEBATE The war, and the equipment used to wage it, is far from over at Lansdowne Park.

The debate over bans on military exhibitions in city-owned facilities resumes June 16.

After hearing from about 40 of the 60 public delegations on the issue, the committee adjourned the motion because more than half of its members had other appointments.

The motion would essentially reinstate a 20-year-old ban on military exhibitions at Lansdowne Park and all other city facilities.

The majority of the presenters spoke out against allowing exhibitions like the CANSEC show that was at Lansdowne last week.

“The city should be a

city that promotes peace, advocates for peace and certainly doesn't allow a showcase for weapons,” said Diane McIntyre with Canadian Voice of Women for Peace.

However, Tim Page, president of the Canadian Association of Defence and Security Industries urged councillors to reject the motion to send a clear message that the City of Ottawa understands the importance of security and public safety.

“When men and women in uniform put themselves in harm's way, we have a collective responsibility to ensure that they have the equipment and the training to do their jobs effectively and safely,” he said.

TIM WIECLAWSKI/METRO OTTAWA

News in brief

CRASH An Ottawa police officer was injured following a pursuit on Bank Street early yesterday. At 12:45 a.m., police received a report of an erratic driver on Colonel By Drive. Police said officers located an SUV on Bank Street that failed to stop for officers. A short pursuit ensued and ended when the SUV collided head on

with a police cruiser at the intersection of Bank Street and Heron Road, police said. The injured officer was taken to hospital and later released. A 30-year-old male was taken into custody, but has been released in the care of embassy officials, as he is a person with diplomatic status, police said.

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The global financial crisis has made it more likely that Canada will soon create a national securities regulator, an idea that has been mulled for decades, the former head of a government-backed panel on the issue said yesterday. **REUTERS**

Canada



Victims will have right to sue: MP

Canadian victims of terrorism will have the right to sue — through this country's courts — those responsible for the attacks under new legislation introduced by Public Safety Minister Peter Van Loan in Ottawa yesterday. "We believe it's critical and important that we keep our citizens safe, that we fight the threat of terrorism here and abroad," Van Loan told reporters on Parliament Hill. **REUTERS**

Deportation order final for father of 10 children

DEPORTATION Any hopes Fernando Navarro had of being allowed to stay in Canada on humanitarian grounds were dashed yesterday when immigration services ordered him deported on June 19 — the day before World Refugee Day.

The Honduran-born Surrey, B.C., roofer and father of 10, whose wife is pregnant, was denied refugee status because he once worked as a drug mule for a Honduran drug lord.

Fernando said it's unfair to his large family that poor choices he made as a youth could leave them without an income.

"I was so young, I didn't speak English, I was afraid to speak to people here," Fernando said, adding that unfortunately the people who did speak his language were involved with drugs.

Fernando reapplied to stay on humanitarian grounds but his change of address paperwork was allegedly lost and the Ministry of Immigration closed his file. The Navarros said they tried to turn to their MP, Conservative Nina Grewal, for help, but she hasn't returned their calls. **METRO CANADA**

News in brief

POLITICS The federal Liberals said yesterday it was unhappy with the Conservative government's record and would decide next week whether to continue backing it. **REUTERS**

Bracing for Bill 44 backlash

Alberta teachers stumped over repercussions of controversial law

Passing of a heavily debated human rights law meant to keep sex, religion and sexual orientation from falling on young ears has left Alberta's teachers with more questions than answers.

Deliberations on the provincial Bill 44 raged on into the early morning hours yesterday, ending in a unanimous Conservative vote supporting it.

Alberta School Board Association president Heather Welwood said teachers across the province are bracing for the backlash of the bill.

"It's going to take awhile before we understand the

implications and what's required," she said. "It won't be business as usual. It's going to take dollars to put those things in place."

Culture Minister Lindsay Blackett said he will be in close contact with teacher's school boards to "quell any misconceptions that may have been created" during the debates.

Amendments to the bill exempt off-the-cuff controversial conversations between students and teachers, though Welwood predicts impromptu chats could become subject for human rights complaints.

Teachers won't stray from status quo with lessons un-

"We in Alberta believe in family values."

Lindsay Blackett, Alberta culture minister

til details about Bill 44 are drafted, which she said could take up to three years.

"It has the school board on edge until we know what we're dealing with," Welwood said.

Though in-class discussions of same-sex relationships and religion are now optional by law, Welwood wants parents to work with their child's school before filing a human rights com-

plaint if they feel ill-informed.

"We want parents to know their first stop is still the school," she said.

Blackett suggested the Alberta Human Rights Commission may work with the school boards to implement a plan they "will feel comfortable with to ensure there will be no cases brought up" to the commission.

"We in Alberta believe in family values, and the family is at the core of what makes a great community," said Blackett, adding he expects to see no complaints about teachers filed to the commission. **METRO CANADA**

Teens lacking sex education: Study

SEXUALITY Teens are being sexually active but are not getting the information or services they need to be properly educated about sex, according to a report on sexual health released yesterday.

Planned Parenthood Toronto, York University, the University of Toronto, Wilfrid Laurier University and Toronto Public Health produced the survey.

In one of the largest studies of its kind, 1,216 Toronto teens aged 13 to 18 of different racial backgrounds and sexual orientation were interviewed about their sexual experiences by other teens between December 2006 and August 2007. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Calgary Jazzing it up



Luis Tovar plays Congos with his band Cumako on Stephen Avenue to promote the 30th annual Calgary Jazz Festival. Jazz on the Ave will run from June 22 to 28.

Former KGB agent turns to church

IMMIGRATION A man who once worked for the KGB in Communist Russia has turned to a religious institution to avoid being deported from Canada.

Mikhail Lennikov moved into the First Lutheran Church in Vancouver yesterday where he was offered sanctuary.

Rev. Richard Hergesheimer welcomed Lennikov a day after the Federal Court of Canada rejected the man's plea for a stay of deportation.

Lennikov, who lived in Burnaby, B.C., with wife Irina and son Dmitri for 12 years, is prohibited from staying in Canada because he worked for Russian secret police in the 1980s. He

claims he was employed in an administrative role.

"We were always hoping it wouldn't come to this. We know what we are doing with sanctuary is illegal ... but it's not wrong," said Hergesheimer.

Sanctuary is a long-honoured tradition worldwide; one that Hergesheimer said Canada respects.

"What we're doing is icing the puck, just stopping the clock so we can all get a chance to take a step back and see what options are available," said Hergesheimer.

The move into the church was in the works for three months as a last resort to avoid deportation. **METRO CANADA**

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Too much TV and not enough talking can hurt language development: Study

Too much television may hamper a baby's ability to learn language and speak, according to a new study. Researchers recorded sounds spoken by 329 children. The more hours of TV recorded in a session, the fewer times a child spoke, the fewer words he or she heard from adults, and the fewer conversational turns the child took. **REUTERS**



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World



Penguin poop leads to discovery

Ten new colonies of emperor penguins have been found in Antarctica after satellite photos showing brownish stains on the ice, which initially baffled scientists, turned out to be the excrement of thousands of birds. The findings will help scientists understand penguin populations and the vulnerability to global warming of the breeding colonies that are on sea ice. **REUTERS**

Violence rising amid recession

The economic downturn has made the world more violent and unstable in the last year, according to a study yesterday that ranked New Zealand as the most peaceful country and Iraq the least.

The impact of high food and fuel prices in early 2008 and the deepening recession later in the year eroded peace, according to the Global Peace Index, compiled by a unit of The Economist magazine group.

Economic weakening has increased political instability, demonstrations and crime in some countries, according to the study, which is online at visionofhumanity.org/gpi/home.php.

Canada No. 8

• New Zealand replaced Iceland at the head of the table of 144 countries. The top 10 included all the main Scandinavian nations as well as Austria in fifth place, Japan seventh and Canada eighth.

"Rapidly rising unemployment, pay freezes and falls in the value of house prices, savings and pensions is causing popular resentment in many countries, with political repercussions," the report says.

Iceland, the most peaceful nation last year, fell to fourth place after violent protests over its economic meltdown. **REUTERS**

Kabul Mr. Afghanistan



Afghan men strike a pose during the Mr. Afghanistan national bodybuilding competition at a cinema hall in Kabul yesterday. Hundreds entered the annual competition, organized by Afghanistan's national Olympic organization.

Obama to tackle tough issues in Middle East talk

VISIT U.S. President Barack Obama will try to repair U.S. ties to the Islamic world this week in a speech from the Middle East that aides say will reach out to Muslims but deal with tough issues like violent extremism.

Obama, who departed yesterday, will try to fix some of the damage to America's image caused by the Iraq war, U.S. treatment of military detainees and the lack of progress in Mideast peace talks.

Al-Qaida's second-in-command, Ayman al-Zawahiri, urged Egyptians to reject Obama's visit, seen as a charm offensive towards Muslims angered by his predecessor's policies, and called him a "criminal." **REUTERS**



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Shark kills French tourist

A shark attacked and killed a French tourist diving in a remote site off Egypt's Red Sea coast yesterday. REUTERS

Climate change threatens Mideast stability: Study

Climate change could spark "environmental wars" in the Middle East over already scarce water supplies and dissuade Israel from any pullout from occupied Arab land, an international report said yesterday.

Almost 10 years of failed peace talks between Syria and Israel have focused on water in and around the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights. The vital resource is also a point of conflict between Israel and Palestinians seeking a state.

Regarding the Syria-Israel dispute, the report said Israeli concerns about "food security and reduced agricultural productivity could shift the strategic calculation on whether to withdraw" from the Golan Heights, occupied in a 1967 war.

"The expectation of coming environmental

Water shortages by 2050 projected

• The study raised the spectre of water shortages and climate-induced crises hitting the economies of Syria, Jordan, Israel, Lebanon and the

Palestinian territories. The area's population is forecast to grow in 40 years to 71 million people from last year's 42 million.

wars might imply that the way to deal with shrinking resources is to increase military control over them," said the Danish-funded study by the International Institute for Sustainable Development, an independent organization headquartered in Canada.

The Golan supplies 30 per cent of the water for the Lake of Galilee, Israel's main water reservoir.

Regarding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the report said sea-level rises as a result of climate change threatened to contaminate Gaza's sole

aquifer supplying 1.5 million Palestinians in the territory.

The coastal aquifer, which is shared by Israel, is the only source of fresh drinking water for Gaza, controlled by the Palestinian Islamist group Hamas. The report said its water quality was abysmal.

In the occupied West Bank, governed by Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, Israel draws more water from most aquifers shared with the territory and restricts Palestinian water use.

REUTERS

Thailand Baby panda needs name



A veterinarian holds the newborn of female panda Lin Hui at Chiang Mai Zoo, north of Bangkok yesterday. A prize of approximately one million baht (\$29,282) is being offered in a contest to name the baby panda born in Chiang Mai last week, a local newspaper reported.

U.S. troops leaving Iraqi cities on schedule: Commander

U.S. combat forces will vacate all Iraqi cities on schedule by the end of this month, the commander of U.S. forces in Iraq said yesterday, including the insurgent stronghold of Mosul.

U.S. combat troops are scheduled to leave Iraq's towns and cities by June 30 and redeploy to bases outside, according to a security pact that took effect in January.

But some U.S. and Iraqi

officials had suggested this might have to be delayed for Mosul, which is still plagued by al-Qaida and other insurgent groups, who stage frequent attacks.

Asked whether U.S. combat forces were on track for a total pullout from all cities, including Mosul, Army General Ray Odierno said: "We are. We have done a joint assessment ... We have finalized that."

REUTERS

News in brief

MEXICO The rounding up of thousands of suspects in Mexico's drug war has left the already unruly prison system overwhelmed with jailbreaks and struggling to contain deadly riots between inmates from rival gangs.

DRAWING A long-lost masterpiece by French painter Jacques-Louis David was shown publicly for the first time in 84 years at Sotheby's in New York yesterday ahead of its auction in London. The 1813 drawing is called Alexander watching Apelles painting Campaspe.

REUTERS

San Francisco unites with Twitter for civic service centre

San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom has announced that citizens can now alert officials to issues by using Twitter for the city's 3-1-1 customer service centre. **REUTERS**

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Business

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Chrysler sales crash

Overall auto purchases down 16.5% in May

The taint of bankruptcy court protection and idle plants slashed Chrysler Canada's business by half last month.

Sales for the reeling auto giant, which is offering huge incentives under a "Buy With Confidence" program, crashed by more than 13,600 to 13,657 vehicles in May from the same month last year.

Meanwhile, the sputtering industry limited its losses to 16 per cent after monthly declines of more than 25 per cent earlier in the year.

Chrysler, whose volumes also plunged a stunning 47 per cent in the U.S. last month, said its retail sales actually improved here de-

Hummer sold

General Motors Corp. said yesterday it reached a tentative deal to sell its Hummer brand to Sichuan Tengzhong Heavy Industrial Machinery Co., a privately held Chinese company.

spite the move to court protection south of the border.

Chrysler topped the market only a few months ago but slid to fifth place in May.

Overall sales of new cars and trucks in Canada fell 16.5 per cent, or almost 30,500, to 154,018 vehicles during the month. It

marked the seventh consecutive month that auto sales have declined here.

Sales in the first five months of the year have also dropped 19.5 per cent, or 140,960, to 582,518 vehicles.

Teetering GM said its sales in Canada fell 12.4 per cent to 31,784 vehicles in May.

Ford Motor Co. of Canada reported that sales dropped 7.3 per cent to 21,900 in May, but the automaker increased its market share for the seventh consecutive month.

Most other major automakers posted negative results, including Toyota and Honda.

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Banks hike mortgage rates by 0.2%

FINANCE Canada's biggest banks are hiking key mortgage rates at a time when the bond market is worried about risk and the threat of inflation.

Royal Bank of Canada, Bank of Montreal, Toronto-Dominion Bank, Bank of Nova Scotia and Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce increased posted rates on five-year, fixed-rate mortgages by 0.2 per cent to 5.45 per cent. The changes at RBC and BMO took effect yesterday, while new rates at TD, Scotiabank and CIBC will be available today.

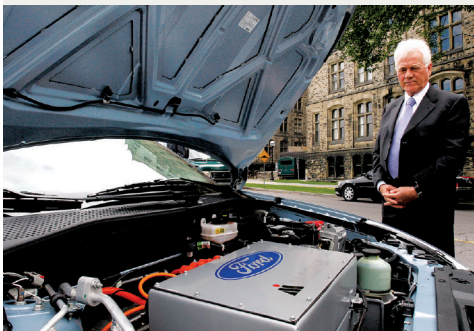
RBC, BMO and Scotiabank, however, also have "special offers" on five-year closed mortgages at 4.15 per cent. Those rates, subject to change without notice, also reflect a 0.2 per cent increase.

Five-year, fixed-rate mortgages are traditionally the most popular option for homeowners. Borrowing costs on the bond market largely influence consumer rates.

Yields on longer-term bonds have soared in recent weeks, driving up the cost of borrowing for lenders. Experts say yields are rising because the bond market is focusing on risk and the future prospects for inflation.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Magna Electric cars deal sought



Magna International Inc. chairman Frank Stronach looks at a Ford battery electric vehicle (BEV), which is being developed in partnership with Magna, during a news conference in Ottawa yesterday. Stronach said he will build electric cars in Canada if Ottawa agrees to lend him up to \$150 million.

Business in brief

ASSETS Canada's government is reviewing only some of its holdings this year for possible inclusion in an asset sale as it grapples with a record deficit,

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said yesterday in response to a media report that said all of the government's assets were being considered. **REUTERS**

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Comment

Seeking common ground

Abortion issue 'has both a moral, spiritual dimension'

TheWestView

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As I'm about to launch into the abortion "debate" ("melee" is more like it) at this late date in my life and career, I can only conclude I've learned nothing about keeping my mouth shut when it's prudent to do so.

Still, I'm inspired by Barack Obama ... once again. The U.S. president, who has become something of a poster boy for common sense, showed his chops again recently, accepting an invitation to address the graduating class at Notre Dame — a Catholic university and a hotbed of anti-abortion sentiment.

What he said made a lot of sense, whatever side you're

on. "Maybe we won't agree on abortion," he said. "But we can still agree that this heart-wrenching decision for any woman is not made casually. It has both a moral and a spiritual dimension."

He went on: "When we open our hearts and our minds to those who may not think or believe what we do — that's when we discover at least the possibility of common ground."

Wise words. Compassionate words. Civilized words. But many of his audience had crosses or little infants' feet painted on their mortarboards. Three dozen protesters were carted

away for trying to disrupt the U.S. president's speech. They weren't interested in common ground.

And then, this past Sunday, two weeks after Obama's address, some guy in Kansas shot and killed a doctor who performed abortions while he was serving as an usher at his church.

Meanwhile, up here, the archbishop of Montreal, Cardinal Jean-Claude Turcotte, resigned from the Order of Canada because Henry Morgentaler, our most famous/notorious doctor who performed abortions, was also honoured. Clearly, resigning in a huff is not as extreme as murder, but neither is an invitation to seek common ground.

What's interesting about so many of these guys is that they

U.S. President Barack Obama spoke on the abortion issue May 17 at the University of Notre Dame.

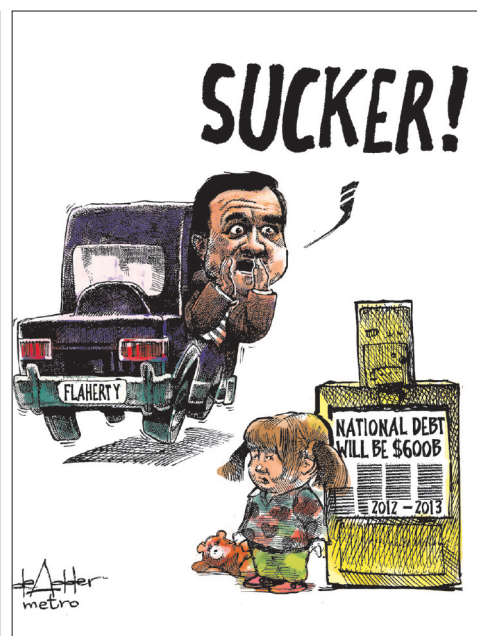
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are guys. Perhaps feeling left out because they can't get pregnant, they indulge in righteous rage. Convinced that every sperm is sacred, that even the most rudimentary stages in the development of the human fetus must be protected, they're not about to pause and allow reason to inform the discussion even if it leads to the final absurdity: Take life to save life.

Frankly, I don't like abortion. But I don't like the alternative, which is unwanted pregnancy, or backstreet butchery. And it seems obvious: Stem cell research is moral light years away from late-term abortion. The issue is complex and vexing, and I applaud Obama's attempt to find common ground. But in abortion, we have an issue that exposes civilization as a thin crust spread lightly over a seething mass of molten mayhem.

Wise words, I fear, are not enough.

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Letters

Fundamental rights include right for food and health

such as the right for food and the right for health.

BRUNO MARQUIS, GATINEAU

I agree with Ottawa Centre MP Paul Dewar's position on the World Bank failure in Africa. In fact, I think that beyond the poor results of the World Bank programs in this continent, we must look at the real role this major institution has played all over the world, with our money, over the last decades.

The current situation in Africa does not ensue from unpredictable events. It is the result of an inequitable economic system that considers the private interest of the companies before the public interest of the populations. It is also the result of powerful countries that continue to dominate other countries with tools like the World Bank, the IMF and, worse still, the World Trade Organization.

If we should strongly encourage Canadian food aid and medical help steered towards populations in need, we must also fight the unbridled capitalism that leads to these situations. Before the freedom of companies, there is the freedom of all men and women in the world, and this freedom is set in fundamental rights

OC Transpo should not allow food and drink on buses

Re: Food, drink proposal tough to swallow (June 1)

The opinions of Kim Manix Vermette in the In Transit article are typical of the poor state of decorum in our capital city.

I applaud OC Transpo's proposal to bring things back the way they used to be.

I have never owned a vehicle and I don't wish to. The transit system gets me where I want to go within the city. However, I was very disappointed the day OC Transpo allowed food and beverages on our transit system. I have always managed to be organized and eat before or after using the bus. There is really no reason to step on the bus with food or drink.

Unfortunately, the interior of our buses have become dirty and littered because some people can't show any respect for others.

I hope OC Transpo is serious about banning food and drink.

MARIE-FRANCE KEATLEY, OTTAWA

Word on the street: Should Canada have more legislated vacation days?

Bobby Dang

age 25, Ottawa

A: I've been told that since the 1970s people have been working more and more for less pay. So I think it's only fair that we get an extra holiday to spend time with friends and family.

Jessica D'Angelo

age 20, Ottawa

A: Who are the holidays for? Where I work, we get two holidays a year ... It's for people who work in the government, basically.

Eric Warner

age 21, Ottawa

A: It's such a moot issue. There are far more important things we should be dealing with. It just doesn't matter.

Antonio Olivito

age 26, Toronto

A: Yes. It's important to get away from the craziness of life every once in awhile ... to have more quality time with friends and family.

Ayane Ogawa

age 22, Vancouver

A: Yes ... Holidays are great because if you end up working you make more money, and if you don't then you can enjoy the day.

Richard Kevis

age 19, Calgary

A: Probably not. Days off aren't really practical. They're not really used for anything. They're not really necessary to the system.



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Slice aims to be The Ultimate Fighter

Spike TV announced yesterday that Internet phenomenon and former street brawler Kimbo Slice will be take part in Season 10 of The Ultimate Fighter, competing to win a contract with the UFC. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Sports

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Fans rewarding Bay

Early American League all-star fan vote results were released yesterday and Jason Bay of Trail, B.C., left, is leading outfielders with 729,950 votes. The Boston Red Sox star is batting .288 with 15 home runs and 49 RBI so far this year. Aaron Hill is the leading Toronto Blue Jay with 388,457 votes, good for fourth among second basemen. The all-star game is July 14 in St. Louis. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



Pittsburgh's Ruslan Fedotenko celebrates Maxime Talbot's first-period goal last night in Game 3 of the Stanley Cup final. Pittsburgh won the game 4-2.

Pens take Game 3

Stanley Cup
2009 Final

(Detroit leads series 2-1)

Detroit 2 Pittsburgh 4

Sergei Gonchar's power-play goal midway through the third period broke a 2-2 tie and Maxime Talbot's empty-net tally in the final minute of regulation cemented Pittsburgh's 4-2 victory over the Detroit Red Wings in Game 3 of the Stanley Cup Finals at Mellon Arena.

Talbot also scored in the opening period along with Kris Letang for Pittsburgh, which now trails



the best-of-seven series 2-1.

Marc-Andre Fleury was strong with 27 saves in the victory, including 14 stops in the second period. The Penguins were on cruise control in the middle stanza, but came alive in the final 20 minutes to get back in the series.

Henrik Zetterberg and

Johan Franzen scored for the Red Wings, who are attempting to successfully defend their Stanley Cup title from a year ago. Detroit goaltender Chris Osgood allowed three goals on 20 shots.

The two teams will meet again in Pittsburgh on Thursday for Game 4. Detroit forward Pavel Datsyuk was absent from the lineup for the sixth straight game with a swollen foot after he blocked a shot in Game 2 of the West finals against the Blackhawks.

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Balsillie clears another hurdle

COYOTES The co-chief executive officer of BlackBerry maker Research In Motion Ltd received U.S. antitrust approval to buy the National Hockey League's Phoenix Coyotes, U.S. officials said yesterday.

Antitrust authorities completed their review of James Balsillie's deal for the Coyotes without taking

any action to block it, the U.S. Federal Trade Commission said in a notice.

Balsillie offered to buy the money-losing hockey team in May when it filed for bankruptcy protection, but his offer is contingent on relocating the Coyotes to Ontario. NHL officials have said the league is committed to keeping the

team in Phoenix and have fought with Coyotes' owner Jerry Moyes over who controls the hockey team.

Balsillie has threatened to drop his offer if the team's sale and relocation cannot be agreed upon by June 29.

The Coyotes have not made a profit since moving to Arizona in 1996.

REUTERS

Sports in brief

STREAK OVER The Yankees' record-setting errorless streak has ended at 18 games. Catcher Jorge Posada threw the ball into centre field on Elvis Andrus' fourth-inning steal of second base in last night's game against Texas, the first error for New York since shortstop Ramiro Pena misplayed a grounder by the Blue Jays' Jose Bautista at Toronto on May 13.

OLYMPICS The Canadian border

agency says it will charge an American passenger rail service more than half a million dollars in fees to add another train between Seattle and Vancouver — a decision that has derailed a plan to add a second daily run to serve the 2010 Winter Olympics and beyond.

PANTHERS Sports Properties Acquisition Corp. has reportedly agreed to buy the Florida Panthers, the team's home arena,

an arena management company and some land surrounding the arena for \$240 million US.

BASEBALL The Washington Nationals fired pitching coach Randy St. Claire yesterday and promoted Steve McCatty from Triple-A Syracuse to fill the position. St. Claire was in charge of a dismal staff that has 13 blown saves and a league-worst 5.69 earned run average.

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According to the Mexico Tourism Board, Air Canada Vacations was the first Canadian tour operator to announce it would resume its operations to Cancun. As of June 6, the company will have non-stop flights to Cancun from Toronto, Montreal and Calgary. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Helpful hints

The 2009-2010 edition of *Bon Voyage, But...*, published by Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada, is now available. The booklet contains advice to help Canadians plan a safe and successful journey abroad, as well as information on consular services and Canadian government offices worldwide. Visit voyage.gc.ca/publications/bon-voyage-eng.asp.

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Croatia's warm-weather charms

Sunny coastlines, serene islands are among draws

TOM MARCHANT
for Metro World News



At this time of year I frequently get asked where I'm going to spend my summer holidays. Not an easy answer, as every day, word of new destinations and existing gems comes across my desk.

That sees me either shifting my plans or trying to squeeze more and more places into one trip, with the result being a manic week of travelling, rather than the relaxing break I had hoped for. However, this year is different. Why? Because the place that I'm heading to is currently streets ahead of anywhere else in Europe to take a break in and nothing that I have seen or read about this year has come close to making me

Travel pro

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change my opinion. Where I am talking about? Croatia.

It's the home of sun-drenched coastlines with some of the prettiest bays and bluest waters you will ever see, serene islands, beautiful cities and a rich culture that delights you upon your arrival and stays with you for years after you have left.

Whilst many people know about the charms of Dubrovnik (and rightly so) Croatia still contains many



A view of Korcula, an island between Dubrovnik and Hvar, is highly recommended by our correspondent.

hidden gems that the travelling world is only just waking up to. I could write an essay

on the wonders of the place here, but space doesn't allow it, so I have had to filter through my long list of highlights and share with you my top three spots.

How to learn about the rest? Simple. Just go.

Hvar
Hip partying and gourmet seafood: The island of Hvar is a jewel in the Adriatic Sea, found north (a ferry ride or short helicopter hop) off

Dubrovnik's coast. This unspoiled island is becoming one of Eastern Europe's hippest coastal party spots. The word now is to forget Ibiza, because it's all about Hvar. Hip bars, clubs and restaurants combine with rugged ancient landscapes filled with fragrant sage and lavender, rich aloe and pine trees.

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Winging onwards

Sunwing has also announced that it's returning to Mexico. The operator has resumed service to Cancun and the Riviera Maya, with flights from Toronto and Montreal as of today; as of June 27 from Vancouver; and from June 28 from Calgary and Edmonton. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Left, the roofs of the old city of Dubrovnik, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Right, an aerial view of Hvar, which is becoming one of Eastern Europe's hippest coastal party spots.



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Spend days on the water, or wine tasting in the vineyards before heading to the waterfront in the medieval heart of Hvar for sunset drinks looking over the Paklinski Islands and gearing up for a long night out.

Dubrovnik

Cobbled streets and thriving cafés: Yes, you may know it but you need to go back. Soak up the medieval mood radiating from the old squares, magnificent stone columns and wide streets of Dubrovnik.

Stroll the atmospheric pedestrianized paving slabs of this UNESCO World Heritage Site, and admire its forts, red-tile roofed-buildings,

churches and monasteries. The Old Town is brimming with cafes, bars and restaurants hugging the Adriatic seafloor, perfect for a morning coffee or evening sundowner.

A picture-perfect place and if you were after an alternative take on it I'd recommend taking a guided kayak tour around the grand city walls, or mountain biking in nearby Konavle valley to explore the local countryside.

Korcula

Medieval charm and one super lux retreat: People say Hvar is a secret. Well, maybe, but this one is a true secret. My insider tip: Head for the stunning island of Korcula, right now hottest

thing to rise from this country. It's flung roughly equidistant between Dubrovnik and Hvar.

The beautiful stone castle welcoming you as you sail into the harbour is just a taste of the old world charm that the island oozes. Get lost in the winding alleyways, between terracotta-tiled houses and tiny churches.

It's all a short stroll from the beach of this up-and-coming island that few on the tourist trail know about.

A true escape amongst the warm waters of the Adriatic. Go now and be the envy of your friends with your tales of your time in

this undiscovered spot.

Good to know

Where to stay: Riva Hotel in Hvar is Croatia's first and only member of Small Luxury Hotels of the World. Expect old world charm, state of the art luxury, exceptional designed and superb sunset views over the Islands.

No better place to lay your head after a hard day of strolling, sunbathing and partying in Dubrovnik than at the Pucic Palace. Hidden within the walls of the medieval town, there is a brand new luxury retreat opening this month: the Lesic

Dimitri Palace is a restored 18th century bishop's palace with five adjoining medieval cottages.

Each room is designed with exceptional attention to detail and themed on a different region of Marco Polo's Silk Road travels.

Shopping: The main shopping area in Dubrovnik is The Stradun, but for a great local market go to Gundulic Square which has a wonderful fruit and flower market every morning, except for Sundays.

Getting there: Croatia is accessible from most European countries by coach, and by ferry from Italy or Greece. There are major international airports in Dubrovnik, Pula, Split, Zadar and Zagreb.

Getting around: Renting a car is straightforward, and there are good and inexpensive bus and train services that links the major cities.

When to go: the best weather is between April and September, July and August are high season, with high prices and crowded beaches and towns.

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In a press conference yesterday punctuated with sideswipes at other carriers, Ryanair Chief Executive Michael O'Leary predicted the airline's passenger numbers would rise significantly in the current year, despite the downturn in air travel. **REUTERS**

Getting a handle on responsible travel

Here are vacation choices to feel good about

ROMINA McGUINNESS
Metro World News

Every industry wants to be ethical these days, from fashion and food to cars and travel. And while travelling itself — from flying to staying in wasteful luxury hotels — can be un-ecological, there are ways of using your holiday for the good, whether you're compensating for your carbon footprint or contributing in a positive way to the place that you visit.

You won't be able to stop climate change and bring world peace single-handedly, but every effort makes a difference. Here are our suggestions of some places where you can do just that.

Masai Mind: Basecamp Masai Mara Kenya

Built on land belonging to Masai tribes, this stunning lodge is designed to be sympathetic to its surroundings. The special bond established between the Masai community and the lodge's founders means local tribesmen act as landlords, tour guides and drivers as well as workshop project leaders. The women sell traditional beaded jewelry and leather goods directly to guests and local projects include planting trees in order for the camp to be self-suffi-



A view of Malaysia's Sukau Lodge.

cient in wood.

The 15 thatched tents are heated via solar panels and showers open out to the sky. All dirty water is recycled into gardening water.

Mornings generally begin with a spectacular game drive. Expect to spot gracious giraffes, clomping elephants and black-backed jackals. See basecampexplorer.com.

Chocolate gold: Yachana Lodge, Ecuador

"Yachana" is an indigenous Kichua word meaning "a place for learning." This charitable lodge believes in education and empowering the community in order to create sustainable tourism. Throughout your stay, employees will help you immerse yourself in the local culture and put

you in touch with some of the wonders of nature — ever knew you could make poisonous arrows from dart frogs?

The botanical gardens burst with butterflies and a local incentive allows guests to adopt acres of rainforest for conservation. The food is mostly vegetarian and made with ingredients grown in the lodge's permaculture garden. Healthy eating aside, make time to visit the local chocolate factory: Cocoa is bought off local farmers above market price and the Yachana Jungle chocolate is then sold in the lodge shop and abroad.

You can visit the Yachana Foundation's Technical High School, aimed at promoting and pushing the education of indigenous and mestizo

students living in remote rural areas of the Amazon. Also on site is the Mondaña Medical Clinic to provide greater access to health care to the 8,000 local residents. See yachana.com

Power of the Sun: Lalla Mira, Morocco

North Africa's first organic riad fights off the Atlantic Ocean's humid air with its sun-panel-heated floors. Bedding is organic and hypoallergenic as it is locally made with a mite-free fibre called kapok. All food is grown on the riad's own pesticide-free farm. The hammam steam room is the oldest in town and has been renovated to run on sun power. This charming gem was built entirely from handmade clay bricks and is conveniently



A tree house provides accommodation at Perché dans le Perche, on an estate just hours away from Paris.

close to the banter and bustle of the souks as well as the surfing paradise of the Essaouira coast. There is a quaint little library back at the hotel as well as a split-level rooftop terrace for sunbathing. See lallamira.ma.

Pygmy Paradise: Sukau Lodge, Malaysia

In the heart of the Malaysian rainforest you'll find the plush and leafy paradise that is Sukau Lodge. There are 20 rooms in total, basic huts built on stilts in the riverbed. The hot water heaters are solar-powered, as are the engines used to power all the boat engines. What makes Sakau so lovable is the attention to detail. Cooking oil is recycled for lighting purposes. In search of total peace and quiet? The lodge is only accessible by boat, keeping interference to a minimum. See sukau.com.

Trip to the top of a tree house: Perché dans le Perche, France

Star gaze over a bottle of Bordeaux, and keep an eye out for the occasional

badger from your tree house perched in the woods of La Renardiere, a natural estate just hours away from Paris. Your home is high in a 200-year-old chestnut tree and can sleep up to five people. All of the grey water from the tree house is purified as it is passed through a series of troughs containing reeds, plants and volcanic rock. Bathroom toiletries are bio-friendly as are all cleaning products used to keep the place pristine and pure. Breakfast is an organic feast delivered to your tree in a basket — all homemade and prepared by the owners, from the jams to the bread and butter.

La Renardiere also works with local students on how to manage and optimize the site's naturally rich biodiversity and ecosystems, and school children have developed a natural garden designed to evolve with the seasons. Local artists whose work has been inspired by the site are invited to exhibit their work. See perchedansleperche.com.

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Buzios beach life

How a fishing village became Brazil's answer to St. Tropez

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Metro World News



In the '60s, the actress Brigitte Bardot, the biggest diva of the French film at the time, came to Brazil and was taken on holiday by friends to Armação dos Búzios, a small fishing village close to Rio de Janeiro.

As soon as she set eyes on the almost untouched, extraordinarily beautiful white sand beaches, she fell in love with the place.

Today, a bronze sculpture on Armação Beach pays homage to the French starlet who first drew the world's attention to this Brazilian beach resort. Ever since, Buzios has become one of the hottest tourist destinations in Rio de Janeiro State, attracting visitors from all over the world, many of them celebrities including Mick Jagger, Cat Stevens and Seal.

Buzios has a population of less than 25,000, but that number increases by around three times during weekends and holidays. Despite being a hugely popular destination, Buzios still keeps an atmosphere that evokes its early days as a simple fishing village.

It's known throughout Brazil for the beauty of its azure sea, the cleanliness of its sand and the variety of its beaches.

It's a popular destination for water sports fans, but it's also perfect for those who are just looking to relax and unwind, which is why it's such a favourite with celebrities taking a retreat.

There are plenty of top restaurants, fancy spas and boutique hotels catering to the jet set, but holidaying here is not just for the rich and famous — the city has hotels, inns and hostels for all kinds of budgets.

It also doesn't matter what kind of beach you like: You'll find one that suits you well in Buzios. The city has more than 20 of them, each one with a different profile.

More info

- braziltour.com
- Buzios is 2.5-hour bus ride from Rio de Janeiro. Buses leave frequently from the latter city's bus station. Tickets cost around \$15.

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Geribá is probably the most famous and busiest beach in town. Located by open sea, it has clear water and it's a good place for practising water sports. Plenty of small, very cosy inns can be found along the shoreline.

Not very far from there, Ferradurinha Beach is probably one of the most beautiful spots in the whole country. Minuscule, it is not as charming as it

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used to be decades ago, when it was more difficult to access than it is today. Still, its landscape alone merits a visit.

If you can't resist paradise-like beaches, then the ones on your list should include Azeda, Azedinha, João Fernandes, João Fernandinho and Das Focas. But bear in mind that some of them can't be reached by car, only on

foot.

Divers must try Tartaruga Beach. And those who like a challenging, agitated sea should look for Praia Brava, which means "angry beach" in Portuguese.

People with little children, on the other hand, should go to Ferradura Beach, with its very calm water. In Portuguese, Ferradura means "horseshoe," and the beach is so named



A bronze statue of Brigitte Bardot graces Armação Beach.

because it looks like one.

Rua das Pedras: Buzios' trendiest spot

The city is very busy during the day, but it also boasts a lively nightlife. The heart of Buzios' night-time activities is concentrated around Rua das Pedras (Stone Street), close to Armação Beach.

As the name says, the street is completely paved

with stones, giving the place a rustic charm. Along the street you can find a lot of good restaurants, bars, and souvenir stores. There are also trendy clothes shops, and a few nightclubs full of beautiful, tanned people and the odd celebrity. Some of the restaurants on Rua das Pedras have a great view of the sea — and of Bardot's seaside statue.



From left, views of Azeda Beach and Ferradurinha Beach. The village of Buzios in Brazil has more than 20 beaches — each with its own character — so visitors can't help but find one they like.

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World's greatest ceilings

Michelangelo's painted ceiling in the Sistine Chapel in Rome may be the most lauded in the ceiling world, but it's far from the only one worth straining your neck to see. The editors and members of travel website virtualtourist.com have compiled a list of the World's Top 10 Greatest Ceilings, apart from the Sistine Chapel:

- 1 Bellagio Hotel; Las Vegas** The coloured disks that float on the ceiling of the Bellagio may look like multi-coloured jellyfish, but they are in fact thousands of hand-blown glass flowers. Like the town itself, it has to be seen to be believed.
- 2 Debre Berhan Selassie Church; Gonder, Ethiopia** You'd never guess by looking at the outside of this small, relatively simple church that such stunning artwork graces the inside. It's said that none of the 104 winged cherubs that dot the ceiling are alike.
- 3 Grand Central Station; New York City** Once covered in black grime, this ceiling was restored in the 1990s as part of the station's renovation and now depicts several signs of the

zodiac in beautiful sea-green and gold hues. There's even a little patch that was left dirty just to show the difference between the "before" and "after."

- 4 Galeries Lafayette Department Store; Paris** The glass domed ceiling at the famed department store attracts as many tourists as shoppers. Unveiled in 1912, the dome is overshadowed only by the view from the store's terrace.
- 5 Khai Dinh Tomb; Hue, Vietnam** It took 11 years to complete, but the results are pretty astounding, with the ceiling featuring nine hand-painted dragons in fine, fleeting clouds.
- 6 Sant'Ignazio Church; Rome** It's almost impossible to believe when looking at this multi-dimensional painting that the surface is actually flat. Perhaps one of the most incredible examples of "Trick of the Eye" paintings ever completed, it's a clear rival with its more famous nearby neighbour — the Sistine Chapel.
- 7 Sagrada Familia; Barcelona** No one could ever say this building was constructed too hastily. Start-



Visitors to Las Vegas check out the fountain in front of the Bellagio Hotel, which features a hand-blown glass ceiling inside.

ed in the 1800s and still unfinished, the imposing forest-like ceiling is as original as the rest of the Gaudi-designed church.

8 Central Rotunda, Griffith Park Observatory; Los Angeles Designed by Hollywood art director turned muralist Hugo Ballin, the subtle, circular painting depicts the signs of the zodiac and other celestial objects. An interesting side note: Ballin was a sketch artist on the film The Wizard of Oz, which might explain the ceiling's whimsical look.

9 Macy's Department Store; Chicago This genuine Tiffany ceiling is

so incredible it's enough to distract even the most ardent shopaholic. Over 100 years old, it's composed of more than 1.6 million pieces of glass and is considered by many to be one of the best examples of Tiffany craftsmanship ever constructed.

10 Opera Garnier; Paris Although the primary function of the building is to provide a stage for the city's extraordinary ballet company, Marc Chagall's ceiling mural is a show in itself. Thought to be somewhat incongruous with the building's architecture, it was the source of much controversy when added in 1964. **REUTERS**

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Centre for Excellence

Okanagan College has launched a website with which visitors can track the development of the \$28-million Centre of Excellence in Sustainable Building Technologies and Renewable Energy Conservation, to be built at the college's Penticton campus. The school plans to install a webcam on the building site to allow users to watch the construction online.

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Getting you back on your feet

Head to Toe

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Canada

Chiroprody is for doctors who love a quick hit of success. "I've seen an elderly lady walking in with two canes ending up walking without a cane. Those are the kinds of things that will stay with you forever," says Andrew Springer, a chiroprapist in Oshawa, Ont.

"Career-wise, it's a wonderful opportunity for people who like immediate gratification because you get to impact on their quality of life," he explains. "I've often said to family doctors that we're luckier than they are, because so often people go in (to family doctors) when they're sick and they don't see them again until they're sick again. We get to make them feel better."

Springer started out in



Chiroprody, the treatment of feet and their ailments, is for doctors who love a quick hit of success.

zoology, but both of his parents independently suggested chiroprody to him. "I decided to check it out. I had to choose between bugs and people, and people it was," the past president of the Ontario Society of Chiroprapists explains.

Springer has been working since 1983 in many hospitals and health-care clinics. Like most chiroprapists, wound up in private prac-

tice. He says chiroprapists work hand in hand — or foot in foot? — with other doctors.

"We have to understand about all the body systems and how they're integrated. We have to be in a position to recognize other conditions so we can refer appropriately," he says. "If you stick with a rational treatment plan for somebody, 90 per cent of time you see an

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Chiroprapist Dr.
Andrew Springer

improvement in their comfort. It really can be a quality of life issue."

Problems of the feet sometimes point to bigger issues. When Springer worked in a general hospital, he had to rush a patient to emergency. "The evidence I saw in front of me was that he'd recently had a

stroke and he didn't even know."

The victim had sat down in his La-Z-Boy and couldn't get up. He had problems walking and went to Stringer in the hopes a shoe insert would sort things out. "They think it's nothing related to anything bigger. 'My feet just aren't working properly.'"

To become a chiroprapist, you need an undergraduate degree before studying at a health institute that teaches chiroprody.

"It prepares people to deal with all the diseases, disorders and dysfunctions of the foot," says Springer.

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Metro Drive

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Face the music

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Tweet, blog, take a ride

Nissan, Ford turn to social media to get their message across

MICHAEL GOETZ
for Metro Canada



Automakers have been using traditional marketing medias — like print, billboards, and television — for decades. But there's a new automotive marketing force in town — social media.

Of course "social media" is the more scholarly term for networking sites like Facebook, Twitter, MySpace, YouTube, Flickr, etc.

And, two major auto-related "social media" initiatives of late have been widely successful, and news travels at warp speed in these social media circles.

One of those initiatives is the Fiesta Movement. As part of Ford's social media blitz, 100 young, American trendsetters will drive

and live with a European-spec Fiesta for six months, travelling as agents on special missions, who then relate their experiences through various sites.

"We were already using social media as part of our regular communication channels, and that made it all the easier for us to try something as bold as the Fiesta Movement," notes Scott Monty, who heads up social media at Ford (his official title is global and multimedia communications manager). "YouTube videos, Creative Commons-licensed Flickr photos, social media news releases, Facebook pages, Twitter accounts, documents shared on Scribd, the development of TheFordStory.com, bloggers being included in media events — it all meant that we were committed to this



Nissan embraced new social media to launch the new Cube with hypercube.ca — essentially an online stage for 500 creative thinkers to demonstrate their social creativity in "Cube worthiness."

new form of connecting with customers."

The first major auto-related social media attraction for Canadians is hypercube.ca — essentially an online stage for 500 creative thinkers to demonstrate their social creativity in "Cube worthiness."

The best 50 will win a new Nissan Cube (winners will be announced on June 23). Winners will then blog regularly for a year, on how their Cubes "interact with their creative lives."

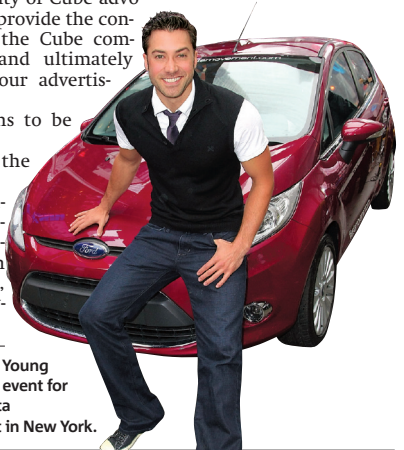
"The uniqueness of the Cube gave us an opportunity to do something different, to veer off from our traditional launch formula," said Catherine Green, the advertising manager at Nissan Canada. "Our ultimate goal is to create a

community of Cube advocates, to provide the content for the Cube community and ultimately become our advertising."

It seems to be working.

When the month-long audition period ended on May 16, the hyper-

Singer Ace Young attends an event for Ford's Fiesta Movement in New York.



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Riding the Wave

JUSTIN PRITCHARD
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The economy is melting faster than the ice caps, oil wells are drying up, and horsepower is losing relevance to environmental responsibility. As a result, funky little cars like the Pontiac G3 Wave are enjoying lots of attention these days — and proving ideal for students, families and retirees alike.

No need to fear the "little car" jokes from your friends with this one. A nicely accented and energetic shape enables the Wave hatchback to pull off some great small car visuals — appearing confident, cohesive and visually dense. It's more like a little toy, and less like a rolling appliance.

As with the body, interior designers didn't simply give up on the looks when they were handed a small car. Compared to something like a Kia Rio or Hyundai Accent, the bright and modern cabin atmosphere offered by the Wave is refreshing. So was the motorized sunroof, incidentally.

Some controls around the steering wheel feel like they came from the nineties, but various metallic accents, textures and an overall sense of energy help dress things up.

Thankfully, the Wave's interior is bigger than the body leads on. There's relatively generous arm, leg and shoulder room up front. Head and rear-seat legroom tighten up for taller occupants, though drivers of average size should find the cabin surprisingly spacious. Visibility is fantastic too, albeit for the small side mirrors.

Complaints? The cupholder is a clumsy space waster, and the interior lacks covered storage to keep your iPod and wallet out of sight. Additionally, the excessive use of red backlighting may permanently burn the instrument cluster into your retinas at night.

Wave gets moving courtesy of a new-for-2009 1.6 litre four cylinder with variable valve timing. The

engine lets you know when it's working, but sound levels were kept well within limits. Power? 106 ponies. Let's just say you won't be getting into any trouble with it. With the four-speed automatic gearbox on board, my

mileage averaged a respectable 7.5 L/100km.

Handling and performance are largely appropriate for the intentions and size of the car, and the steering is quick and eager. Wave is amusingly easy to manoeuvre and park, too.



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2009 Pontiac G3 Wave SE

Type: Compact hatchback

Price: \$13,770 (base)/\$20,500 (as tested)

Engine: 1.6 litre four cylinder
HP: 106

Highlights

- Great visibility
- Affordable
- Decent fuel mileage

General Motors started building the first pre-production Chevrolet Volt electric vehicles last week. It's the first time engineers are assembling a vehicle that looks like the car slated to start rolling off an assembly line next year. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Edgier Murano

Stylish Nissan needs better pricing

MARK ATKINSON
for Metro Canada



When the Nissan Murano first appeared, it was the most futuristic design available, especially since most of its competitors aped boxy SUVs. Based on the front-wheel-drive Altima, the Murano offered decent levels of equipment, a healthy V6, optional all-wheel drive and a reasonable ride.

Fast forward to 2009, and the Murano's up for its first makeover. Not much has changed in its brief — meaning a car-based, five-seat crossover — but the competition is much fiercer than in '03. Nearly every major manufacturer has at least one such vehicle in its lineup — and sometimes more. The question is whether Nissan's evolutionary makeover is enough to keep it relevant.

Size-wise, the new Murano is within a hair of its predecessor, although the new design is edgier. Its snout is pointier, and the sculptured front fenders mean it's difficult to know where its corners are. The rear follows the general themes from the Rogue, and doesn't match the front's drama.

The rising beltline, thick A-pillars and small rear window mean big blind spots, although the large side mirrors help.

All Muranos feature Nissan's 3.5-litre V6 with 265 hp and 248 lb-ft of torque, matched with a continually variable transmission (CVT). All-wheel drive is standard on every model for '09.

Safety features include six airbags, ABS with emergency brake force distribution and brake assist, stability and traction control, and active head restraints for the front row.

Although the Murano S starts at a reasonable \$37,648, my tester was the loaded \$47,498 LE trim, meaning standard HID headlights, fog lights, 20-inch wheels, heated mirrors, power-adjustable heated leather seats, climate control, power tilt/telescoping steering, keyless entry and ignition, a dual-panel moonroof, rearview camera with seven-in display, 11-speaker Bose audio system and Bluetooth. The excellent navigation system and 9.3GB "music server" is a pricey \$2,950 option.

All that luxury is thrown into one of Nissan's better cabin designs. The gauges are bright and legible, major controls easy to find, and better than average materials. Finding a comfortable seating position is



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2009 Nissan Murano

Type: Crossover utility vehicle
Price: \$37,648 (base)
Engine: 3.5-litre V6
HP: 248

Highlights

- Dramatic front styling
- Impressive interior

simple, and there's decent room in the second row.

Cargo space is reasonable, and the rear seats power fold to increase usable room.

On the road, the Mura-

no's habits are merely OK. It's not sporty, with too much lean and vague steering, but the suspension thumps over the smallest imperfections. There's a lot Nissan could do to improve this for future releases. Performance-wise, acceleration is strong and the CVT works well enough that you never notice it.

While the Murano offers a huge number of features and look-at-me styling, the problem is its pricing. My LE tester's sticker totalled

\$50,583 before freight, PDI and taxes.

A similarly equipped Ford Edge Limited AWD runs a touch over \$46,000. Even Infiniti's own EX35 would only total about \$48,600 for all the bells and whistles. And that's only counting dedicated five-seaters.

That means, other than styling and brand loyalty, there isn't anything the Murano does outstanding enough to make it worthy of recommendation.

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Mitsubishi unveils Outlander GT

SHOWCASE Mitsubishi Motors pulled the wraps off its Outlander GT prototype recently at the New York auto show, providing clear directional clues into the next generation of the popular Mitsubishi Outlander SUV.

The Outlander GT prototype is loaded with new technology, greater performance, higher fuel efficiency and an aggressive new design.

The prototype also features a revised exterior treatment, increased engine output, an advanced S-AWC system, 19-inch OZ racing wheels, polished aluminum roof, top-of-the-line Brembo brakes and the all-new FUSE Handsfree Media Gateway system.

A revised interior and freshly added electronic options also help to raise the luxury and comfort levels of the model.

The prototype features a sporty new exterior treatment inspired by Mitsubishi's own Lancer family of automotive products.

Designers sought to create a dynamic and athletic presence by utilizing new materials and a wider stance.

A "jet fighter" look grille, with design elements from the Lancer Evolution model, has been added to accent the boldly reshaped



Mitsubishi Motors follows the "jet fighter" grille styling of its Evolution model in its new Outlander GT prototype.

front bumper, side mirrors, fenders and hood.

Merging Mitsubishi's experience in off-road and rally racing with production car development, the Outlander GT prototype features the revolutionary Super All Wheel Control

(S-AWC) system.

More than just four-wheel drive, S-AWC is a handling system that provides increased handling, traction and stability, while still maintaining maximum fuel economy.

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Ready for the racetrack

Porsche 911 GT3 packs too much punch for the daily driver

PETER BLEAKNEY
for Metro Canada



From day one, Porsche's philosophy has been to build sports cars that are as equally happy on the road as on the racetrack. Drive your Porsche to the local circuit, thrash it like a rented mule and Dr. Ferdinand Porsche smiles at you from the beyond.

Then there are some that are more track ready than others.

The \$138,100 2010 Porsche 911 GT3, which tilts heavily toward the racing side of the equation, will be arriving in Canada sometime in July. It is a significantly upgraded version of the 2008 997-based GT3.

The GT3's dry-sump naturally aspirated 3.8L flat-six traces its lineage back to the 1996 Porsche 911 GT1 racer.

It makes 435 hp at 7600



The 2010 GT3 accelerates to 100 km/h in 4.1 seconds, 200 km/h in 12.3 seconds and tops out at 312 km/h (193 mph).

2010 Porsche 911 GT3

Type: Sports coupe
Price: \$138,100
Engine: 3.8L flat-six
HP/Torque: 435 hp at 7600 rpm; 317 lb-ft at 6250 rpm

Highlights

- Really fast
- PSM electronic stability control

that bites and digs in like this one — and instills such confidence. In the post-card perfect part of Germany where I tested the GT3, it proved to be a devastatingly fast and precise tool. Steering and chassis feedback come at you in beautiful hi-definition.

Porsche's two-stage PASM active damper system, which takes the sting out of regular 911 ride, is retuned for the GT3 — it goes from firm to ox-cart.

A first for the GT3 is PSM electronic stability control that has been engineered to help, not hinder fast driving. Porsche claims even professional drivers can attain faster laps with PSM that without.

The two elements of PSM, stability control and traction control, can be switched off individually if so desired.

deck.

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But numbers don't tell the full story. Twist the key and the 3.8L race engine barks to life and settles into a busy, guttural idle. Grab the Alcantara wheel, depress the firm clutch, slot the short shifter into first and within the first few hundred meters this car telegraphs exactly what it's all about.

I have never driven a 911

DreamCar

This would have added another 30 kg right where this rear-engined sling-shot doesn't need it — out back.

Visually, you won't mistake a GT3 for a garden variety Carrera. The body is slammed a healthy 30mm over new centre-lock 19" ultralight alloys that wear 235/35ZR front and 305/30ZR steamrollers in the rear. A decidedly un-subtle wing perches above rear air intakes on the rear

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VW Tiguan gets safety nod for roof

TEST RESULT The Volkswagen Tiguan was rated one of the top small SUVs in the U.S.-based Insurance Institute for Highway Safety's (IIHS) new roof strength safety test. Roof strength is a key factor in protecting vehicle occupants in a vehicle rollover. Vehicles rated "Good" must have roofs that are more than twice as strong as minimum federal safety standards require.

Volkswagen's compact sport utility vehicle previously received the IIHS Top Safety Pick award for 2008, the highest rating possible from the non-profit research organization. The Tiguan has also received top ratings in the IIHS front and side crash testing. The Tiguan comes standard with electronic stability control, branded ESP on Volkswagen vehicles, and six airbags, with rear seat airbags as an option.

FROM CARGUIDE

Alberta student gets Toyota's green award

Adil Adatia, a student from Lethbridge, Alta., has won the 2009 Toyota Earth Day Scholarship. Adatia was chosen first from a pool of hundreds of applicants across Canada. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Shapes of cars to come

Despite Obama's pledge, going green will be tough

EMMA E FORREST
Metro World News



U.S. President Barack Obama has declared that cars made in the United States would have to meet a target of an average 35.5 mpg by 2016, with reductions starting in 2012. The move will reduce America's carbon dioxide emissions by 30 per cent as well as reduce dependence on foreign oil.

It's a radical proposition — especially given that no car manufacturer's fleet comes anywhere near that average. Carmakers will have to work hard and spend money they don't have, to phase out the gas-guzzlers in their portfolios and introduce energy-sippers.

No wonder American automakers and Bush's oil-barons had been resisting cuts for years. It's going to be especially hard for those whose most successful cars are SUV and high-performance models.

The other issue is that it takes time for the technology to get on the road. It takes the average car produced by a major carmaker at least four years to go from initial design to dealership forecourt, via marketing, engineering, safety testing, and factory floor.

Developing new technology is phenomenally expensive, then creating the plants that can produce cars with the new technology is more expensive still. This is why manufacturers often share platforms like the Ford Ka and the Fiat 500, for example.

Most carmakers have been going eco for the last few years, but progress is slow. So what's in the pipeline? The current economic climate as well as our eco expectations will shape the next few years — most people will be looking to buy smaller, cheaper-to-fuel cars. Expect more electric cars in three

year's time; by 2016 they might be as affordable as petrol

Barack Obama

models. They might have smaller, more ecological batteries, and the way they're made and the energy that fuels them might be more sustainable too.

Don't expect anything too radical to come from the major players. After all, the financial crisis caused Fiat CEO Sergio Marchionne to gloomily pre-

dict that in two years time only six global carmakers will exist. The innovation might well come from faster-moving companies on the outside.



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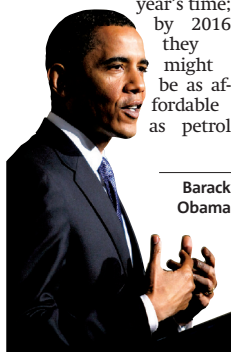
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Celebrity Rehab with Dr. Drew will be back for a third season on VH1 with a new group including Heidi Fleiss, Tom Sizemore and Dennis Rodman. The show will follow their treatment over eight episodes airing in early 2010, according to Variety. **TVGUIDE.COM**

Entertainment

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Teen queens

Disney Channel's teen queens will continue to reign. The network has ordered new seasons of *Hannah Montana* — starring Miley Cyrus — and *Sonny with a Chance*, starring Demi Lovato. **TVGUIDE.COM**

Beyond his wildest dreams

Comedy star Will Ferrell is back with *Land of the Lost*

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for Metro Canada

Will Ferrell just wants to be taken seriously. The comic actor, who got his start on *Saturday Night Live* and has gone on to become one of the biggest comedy stars in Hollywood, loves making films like this week's *Land of the Lost*, don't get him wrong. But what he's really looking for is another *Stranger Than Fiction*, his critically acclaimed 2006 foray into more dramatic work.

"They're more difficult to find for me," Ferrell says of projects like *Stranger Than Fiction*. "I'm still not thought of in that way. I'm still thought of more as just comedy." And with good reason. Ferrell's penchant for playing blowhards and self-impor-

tant buffoons has led to some major box office successes.

And he hopes to add to that list with *Land of the Lost*, based on the popular Saturday morning kids' show by Sid and Marty Kroft. The film gives him a chance to work with one of his new favourite co-stars, Danny McBride. And both Ferrell and McBride are known for their improvisational skills.

"I shouldn't say this, but there's really no trick to it," Ferrell says of improv. "You just film, and if it works great, and if it doesn't you don't use it." Still, though he has such a strong improv background, Ferrell doesn't automatically turn to it. "I'm the first person in support of doing the scene as written. Even though we love doing this, I'm always in



Comic actor Will Ferrell hopes to continue his box office success with *Land of the Lost*.

fear that we're skipping past the written scene too quickly to get to the improv."

For all his hit comedies, including *Anchorman* and *Talladega Nights*, the actor has so far eschewed sequels or creating franchis-

es, something producers and studios certainly aren't thrilled about. But Ferrell says it's less about not wanting to appear to be cashing in and more about not repeating himself. "There are tons of original stories and brand-

new characters to try as opposed to just automatically doing a sequel," Ferrell says.

Still, it's not out of the question. "We've just started playing around with the idea of *Anchorman* as a sequel," Ferrell admits.

"That's really found a foothold in the comedy cult world. It would be a lark to do that."

One character that he did recently revisit was George W. Bush, an impersonation he made famous back on SNL. Ferrell recently received an Emmy nomination for his limited-run Broadway show lampooning the former president, *You're Welcome America: A Final Night with George W. Bush*.

"There's this image that I've been doing a Bush impersonation every week-end somewhere around the country for five years now," Ferrell says, though he stopped playing Bush when he left SNL in 2002. "It was a fun thing to revisit and also put to bed at the same time."

"It was one of the most gratifying experiences I've had. And dare I say patriotic," he says of the show. "I think Obama's got a tough job right now fixing a lot of what's happened. Hopefully people will be reminded from time to time that that was a tough eight years we just went through."

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O'Brien's Tonight Show a work in progress

TV An English friend of mine got his first dose of Jay Leno and Conan O'Brien last week, and commented that while Jay seemed friendly and confident, his Tonight Show replacement was more of a cipher. He wondered, "Do you think O'Brien will fit in?"

That's the multimillion-dollar question. O'Brien has only taken over shows, and never originated his own. NBC's Tonight is bigger than O'Brien, which

means he's got to conform to expectations — while trying to give it his imprimatur.

After one show, let's say he's a work in progress. O'Brien's debut appearance Monday opened up with a segment in which he ran cross-country from New York (Late Night's home) to the brand-new Universal Studios stage in Hollywood.



Conan O'Brien

The layout fits traditional Tonight templates, but the new set is shaped by wavy arcs which, along with the redesigned show logo, call to mind a retro look, as if 30 Rock's art deco design was also transplanted.

It was a debut episode designed for those with ADD: O'Brien's monologue included video gags on political figures, a paean to

his 1992 Ford Taurus, his nosebleed seats at the Lakers game, and a stint guiding the Universal Studios Tour. When not immersed in pretaped segments, O'Brien commanded the stage, but seemed more comfortable laughing it up with erstwhile sidekick-turned-announcer Andy Richter than interacting with his 380 audience members. The band, led by Max Weinberg, got barely a nod.

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Green to join One Tree Hill

Beverly Hills 90210 and Terminator: The Sarah Connor Chronicles alum Brian Austin Green is in talks to join the CW's One Tree Hill in the series regular role of NBA-bound Nathan's sports agent. TVGUIDE.COM

Disney's new Pooh film

Walt Disney Studios has a new Winnie the Pooh hand-drawn animated theatrical release in the works, and it's also creating two primetime TV specials starring the main character of the animated series Handy Manny.

The announcements are planned for Tuesday at the Licensing International Expo in Las Vegas, where executives also will discuss plans to pump more enthusiasm into the world's largest licensed character franchise: Mickey Mouse.

That effort, said consumer products chairman Andy Mooney, could include classic footage of an animated Mickey Mouse with contemporary Disney properties, with the resulting creations running on the Disney Channel.

"Through extensive research with kids, we found they actually love the original Mickey Mouse property," Mooney said.

release date

- The Winnie the Pooh movie is planned for release spring 2011.

Pukesh's passion tested

Lastest Top Model to be sent home maintains her vigor

BRIAN COULTON
For Metro Canada

In a model's life, it's all about balance.

That's the lesson the remaining nine women vying to be Canada's Next Top Model learned on last night's episode. Meeting Jay Manuel in a courtroom, the silver-haired show host greeting them from a judge's pedestal, the women learned they'd be thrown a staple Top Model challenge — to balance the look of an unfamiliar new makeover with a great photograph.

Looks of excitement overtook the women as judge Manuel sentenced them to be cut and coloured, several taking after beauty icons like Linda Evangelista, Debbie Harry and Bettie Page. The latter was the muse for Calgary's Nikita Kiceluk, who appeared to abhor the pinup girl's trademark short bangs.

But whether the model hopefuls took to their looks

instantly became secondary when given the week's photo challenge. To match their cutting-edge appearance, the women were whisked to the recently renovated Art Gallery of Ontario to pose in haute couture Italian fashions while balancing atop ladders in high heels, and with male models supporting them.

While Kiceluk most vocally loathed her look, she was hush-hush at the judging ceremony. The panel agreed her photograph was the week's strongest, advancing her to the competition's next stage.

Two women who wholeheartedly embraced their makeovers — Rebecca Wyse of Cambridge, Ont. and Vancouver's Jill Pukesh — found themselves teetering toward the bottom of the pack, when they were marked as the bottom two. But, when Wyse's pseudo-Twiggy pose came up against Pukesh's alleged lack of passion, it was the latter that lost her balance,



Canada's Next Top Model Jill Pukesh was the second woman to be sent home.

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"It does suck to get sent home so early but, at the same time, I'm not complaining because just getting on the show was good enough for me," said Pukesh on the phone from

Watch it

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Vancouver. "It was kind of like getting behind the scenes of what the industry really is like on a day-to-day basis."

She acknowledges the importance of having passion in the modeling industry and said she obviously had it, or she wouldn't have auditioned. "Just because I'm not head over heels wailing on the show, doesn't mean I don't have passion."

And while she said she might have tried harder to convey her vigor when speaking with judges, Pukesh maintains that with her, what you see is what you get.

"I'm not going to change who I am just to suck up to anyone. I know that I have passion, and that's all that matters to me."

Beatles Rock Band video game

MUSIC Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr, the two surviving members of The Beatles, appeared together in Los Angeles Monday to present a Rock Band video game that will give fans a chance to relive the Fab Four's musical triumphs.

McCartney and Starr put in a quick appearance at the E3 video game trade conference to rousing applause. Yoko Ono and Olivia Harrison, the widows of John Lennon and George Harrison, also appeared at the event.

The Beatles: Rock Band, which will be released on Sept. 9, marks The Beatles' first leap into digitally releasing their music. The band has not allowed its songs to be downloaded on websites such as iTunes.

McCartney and Starr performed together in April at a benefit concert in New York, but appearances together have been rare since The Beatles disbanded in 1970.

The Beatles: Rock Band is a production of Apple Corps Ltd., the company founded in the 1960s by the band, and MTV Games' Harmonix Music Systems.

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critics' corner

The New Adventures of Old Christine

Christine (Julia Louis-Dreyfus) is absolutely thrilled when a talent scout recruits Ritchie (Trevor Gagnon) to audition for a commercial after seeing his standout performance in a school play, but for some reason Richard (Clark Gregg) refuses to allow it in "Self-Esteem Tempura." Hamish Linklater, Emily Rutherford, Tricia O'Kelley and Alex Kapp Horner also star. 8 PM on 13 CBS 6 SHRO



New Tricks

If the premise of this British drama series sounds familiar, that's because it's similar to the U.S. series "Cold Case": a police unit that specializes in old crimes. Amanda Redman stars as Superintendent Sandra Pullman, who recruits three retired officers (Dennis Waterman, James Bolam, Alun Armstrong) for her Unsolved Crime and Open Case Squad. In this episode, Pullman learns the case du jour was originally investigated by a colleague of her late father. 9 PM on 2 TVO

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In brief

FILM Former Charmed star Alyssa Milano is about to weave a spell on the big screen. The actress has signed on to star in and produce My Girlfriend's Boyfriend, a romantic comedy in which she plays a woman with a relationship dilemma. Beau Bridges, Michael Landes, Christopher Gorham and Carol Kane round out the cast. Milano will play an outgoing woman who meets two seemingly ideal men in quick succession — a struggling novelist (Gorham) and successful ad executive (Landes) — and must decide between them.

TELEVISION The 61st Primetime Emmy Awards will air a week earlier than previously scheduled. The television awards show, originally slated for Sept. 20, will take place Sept. 13.

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627	528	50	SPC	The Listener (N)	Star Trek: Voyager	Star Trek: Voyager	Primeval (N)	Primeval (N)	Stormworld (N)	Grand Star	Stargate SG-1	
581	566	53	MTV	Room Raiders	After	MTV News	Cribs	Fantasy Fact.	Nitro Circus	Real World-Road Rules	Teen Cribs	
518	524	54	TROP	The Crow: Stairway to Heaven	What Happen?	What Happen?	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Raymond	Family Guy	Seinfeld	
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621	527	71	TLK	The Ellen DeGeneres Show	Restaurant Makeover	Iron Chef America						
603	561	95	FN	Chef at Home	Fresh-Anna	Restaurant Makeover						



Katie Couric poked fun at her "cougar" label while giving the Class Day address at Princeton University on Monday. "I've been called a cougar lately," she said, but "I'm very happy to be an honorary Tiger instead," referring to the school's mascot. **USMAGAZINE.COM**

Tiger Katie, not Cougar Katie

Celebrity Buzz

Tot's death like Natasha's?

TRAGEDY Billy Bob Thornton's ex-wife has compared the death of the toddler her daughter was babysitting to the passing of Natasha Richardson, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Melissa Parish — who was married to Thornton for two years before they split in 1980 — has defended their daughter Amanda Brumfield, who has been charged with alleged child neglect after the one-year-old girl she was caring for died after falling out of her playpen.

Brumfield allegedly witnessed the accident, which took place in her home in

Ocoee, Fla., last October, but failed to call an ambulance, the website reports. Brumfield insists the baby seemed "happy and playful."

Parish thinks her daughter should not be blamed for the death because she had no way of knowing the baby was injured. She likened the accident to the death of Natasha Richardson, who passed away earlier

this year after a skiing accident, even though she felt fine after the fall.

Parish explained: "When you have a situation that does not indicate distress. There are no signs of distress, then there is no reason to immediately call police."

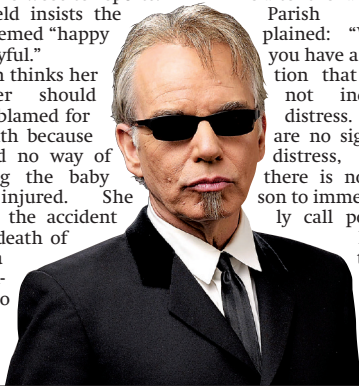
More than two

hours after the fall, Brumfield allegedly awoke from a nap to find the toddler "limp." Doctors later discovered she had died as a result of a fractured skull and a subdural hematoma.

Detectives investigating the case claim Brumfield's story is inconsistent with the girl's injuries and charged her with child neglect causing harm or disability on Friday.

She was later released on bail. Thornton's publicist said the actor hasn't spoken to Brumfield for "a substantial number of years."

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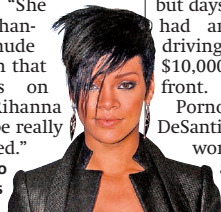


Rihanna's nude photo revenge

GETTING EVEN Understandably, Rihanna isn't pleased about photos, allegedly showing her naked, that leaked online recently — and according to a source, she knows Chris Brown was behind it. Now, she's ready for revenge.

"She says she's going to release her own photos of Chris," the source tells Star magazine. "She has less-than-flattering nude pics of him that she plans on leaking. Rihanna says he'll be really embarrassed."

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For sale: LiLo's borrowed car

CELEBRITY SOUVENIR Lindsay Lohan's borrowed sports car is up for auction, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Maserati Quattroporte car — worth \$115,000 US — was put on website eBay by its owner Dennis DeSantis, with a starting price of \$25,000.

He had lent the white car to the actress in March, but days later her assistant had an accident while driving, causing around \$10,000 of damage to its front.

Pornography producer DeSantis reportedly wasn't worried by the damage to the car, however, and had sent

it back to her as soon as it was repaired.

Lohan, 22, drove the car until it was removed by tow truck on May 27 for being illegally parked near her ex-girlfriend Samantha Ronson's home in Los Angeles. She instead rented a black Rolls Royce Silver Phantom.

The auction listing for the Maserati says it has been driven by Lo-

han, but doesn't mention any accidents. Fans have until June 11 to make a bid for the vehicle.

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Thou shalt not gossip

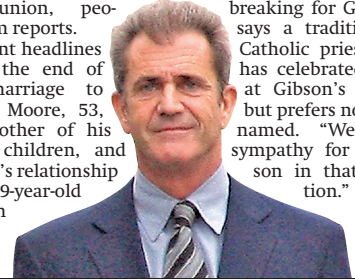
COMMANDMENT Mel Gibson has asked his fellow parishioners at the Holy Family Chapel in Agoura Hills, Calif., not to gossip about him, and recently hasn't been taking Communion, people.com reports.

Recent headlines about the end of his marriage to Robyn Moore, 53, the mother of his seven children, and Gibson's relationship with 39-year-old Russian musician

Oksana Grigorieva — who is pregnant with his child — have inevitably raised questions about how the devout star's faith will mesh with his private life.

"It would be heart-breaking for Gibson," says a traditionalist Catholic priest who has celebrated Mass at Gibson's chapel but prefers not to be named. "We have sympathy for a person in that situation."

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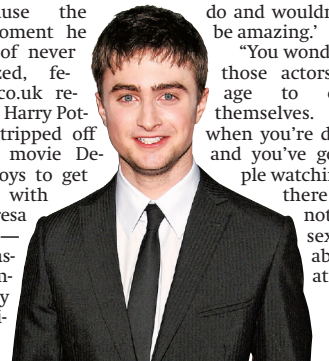
Nothing sexy about sex scenes: Radcliffe

THE HONEST TRUTH Daniel Radcliffe was left disappointed after he filmed his first onscreen love scene — because the "sexy" moment he dreamed of never materialized, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The Harry Potter star stripped off for 2007 movie December Boys to get intimate with co-star Teresa Palmer — but he wasn't impressed by the experience.

He says, "Whenever you watch those scenes in films you always think, 'That must be so sexy to do and wouldn't that be amazing.'"

"You wonder how those actors manage to control themselves. But when you're doing it and you've got people watching you, there is nothing sexy about it at all."

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Paris was Bruno's original victim?

20/20 HINDSIGHT It turns out Eminem wasn't the first choice to play victim to Sasha Baron Cohen's Bruno character at the MTV Movie Awards.

A production insider tells Life & Style Weekly that producer Mark Burnett first approached Paris Hilton about the stunt, but she declined.

"Paris is quite happy she turned down the offer," the source says, adding that Burnett cleared the prank with Eminem beforehand, though the rapper wasn't aware of exactly how underdressed Cohen would be.

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Dad and daughter Swift

TYPICAL TEEN Taylor Swift gets embarrassed by her dad, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The Love Story singer has taken her father on tour with her and says his cheeky sense of humour can sometimes leave her red-faced.

She wrote on her MySpace blog: "I'm walking into the hotel lobby after returning from dinner. It's a qui-

et, serene, beautiful when... Screaming voice from out of nowhere, 'HEY! THAT'S TAYLOR SWIFT!' Me, 'Dad. Please stop doing that (sic).'" However, Swift, 19, is pleased her dad is with her all the time because he keeps her grounded. She said: "It's pretty priceless having my dad out here with me."

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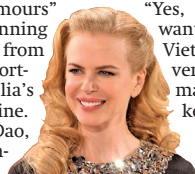
No adoption for Nicole?

THE JOLIE EFFECT Nicole Kidman and Keith Urban say there is "no truth to the adoption rumours" that they are planning to adopt a baby from Vietnam, as reported in Australia's New Idea magazine.

Dang Minh Dao, deputy of the in-

ternational adoption department at the Ministry of Justice in Hanoi, says, "Yes, Nicole Kidman wants a baby from Vietnam ... This is very sensitive information. We are keeping it closed."

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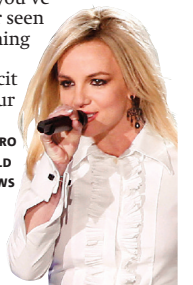


Britney kicks the Circus up a notch

THE AFTER-PARTY While the U.S. shows for her Circus tour were plenty racy, Britney Spears is reportedly planning to kick things up a notch or two for the London leg, beginning today, by hiring naked acrobats, topless burlesque performers and dancing dwarves to perform after each of her eight shows.

"It's going to be crazy. Britney wanted to throw parties people will be talking about for years," a source says, according to Hollyscoop. "I promise you, you've never seen anything so explicit in your life."

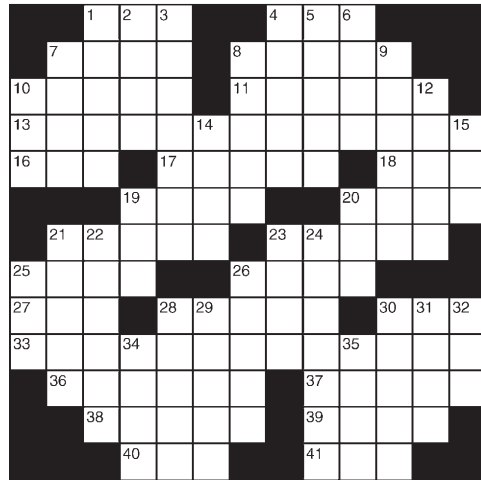
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Take Five



Crossword across

- 1 Part of T.G.I.F.
- 4 Dietitian's stat
- 7 Recognize
- 8 Express schadenfreude
- 10 Paris' subway
- 11 Boardinghouse occupant
- 13 Prankster's time
- 16 Carnival city
- 17 Camel's cousin
- 18 Lemieux milieu
- 19 Witnessed
- 20 Poolroom supply
- 21 Steak variety
- 23 Gene Krupa's set
- 25 Two-way
- 26 Battle in the ring
- 27 Tarzan's creator's monogram
- 28 "Hammerin' Hank"
- 30 Schlep
- 33 State of delusory happiness
- 36 Suitor's actions
- 37 "Haystacks" artist
- 38 Art-class models, often
- 39 Newspaper page
- 40 Afternoon affair
- 41 Barbie's companion

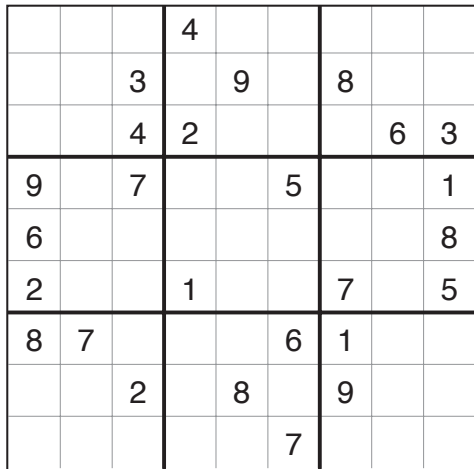
Crossword down

- 1 Preamble
- 2 Actress Spelling
- 3 Distended
- 4 Flourish
- 5 Simoleons
- 6 Pet food brand
- 7 French military cap
- 8 React to a pun
- 9 Monotony
- 10 Scratch
- 12 Marathons, e.g.
- 14 Run off
- 15 "Of course"
- 19 Fa follower
- 20 Director's cry
- 21 "Presumed Innocent" author
- 22 Mandrill, e.g.
- 23 Room access
- 24 Go wild
- 25 Dict. info
- 26 Boasts
- 28 Comment to the audience
- 29 Sleep-clinic study
- 30 Sheets and such
- 31 Secondhand
- 32 Obtain
- 34 LummoX
- 35 Blockhead

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



3	8	4	9	1	6	7	2	5
2	9	1	8	5	7	6	3	4
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1	7	6	5	9	8	3	4	2
4	3	9	2	7	1	8	5	6
8	5	2	6	3	4	9	1	7
7	2	3	1	6	5	4	8	9
6	1	8	4	2	9	5	7	3
9	4	5	7	8	3	2	6	1

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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:

- Under 13 min Genius
13-17 min Scholar
17-21 min Smart
21-25 min Not bad
25+ min Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day

Indian-style Broiled Chicken

INGREDIENTS:

4 skinless boneless chicken breast halves
Canola oil for brushing
Lemon or lime wedges, to serve
Fresh cilantro sprigs

YOGURT MARINADE

1 garlic clove, crushed
1 tbsp (15 ml) minced fresh ginger
1 1/2 tsp (7 ml) tomato paste
1 1/2 tsp (7 ml) garam masala or curry powder
1 1/2 tsp (7 ml) ground coriander
1 1/2 tsp (7 ml) ground cumin
1/4 tsp (1 ml) ground turmeric
Pinch cayenne pepper, or to taste
7 tbsp (100 ml) plain low-fat yogurt

RAITA

1 1/2 cups (375 ml) plain low-fat yogurt
1 cucumber, about 10 oz (300 g), quartered and seeded
1 small tomato, seeded and finely chopped
1/2 tsp (2 ml) ground coriander
1/2 tsp (2 ml) ground cumin
Pinch cayenne pepper
Pinch salt

METHOD:

1. Preheat broiler to high. For marinade, put garlic, ginger, tomato paste, garam masala, cilantro, cumin, turmeric, cayenne and yogurt into bowl and whisk. Transfer to bowl large enough to hold all chicken pieces.
2. Score two slits on each side of chicken breasts. Place in marinade, turning to coat and rubbing



marinade into slits (If you have time, leave chicken to marinate in refrigerator overnight).
3. Brush broiler rack with oil, then place chicken pieces on top. Broil, turning and basting with remaining marinade, until chicken is tender, juices run clear when chicken is pierced with knife, and marinade looks lightly charred, 12 to 15 minutes.
4. Meanwhile, make raita. Place yogurt in bowl. Coarsely grate cucumber, then squeeze to remove as much moisture as possible. Stir cucumber, tomato, ground coriander, cumin, cayenne, and salt into yogurt. Spoon raita into serving bowl.
5. Transfer chicken pieces to serving plate. Add lemon or lime wedges and garnish with cilantro sprigs. Serve with raita on side.

SERVES 4



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ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20

If you do not know how to do something yourself you must consult an expert. You may not want to admit that you are behind the times.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

Claims on your time and your energy are coming thick and fast and there is a real danger you might exhaust yourself.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23

You will get the chance to make your dreams — well, some of them anyway — come true when the Sun transits the midheaven angle of your chart.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22

This may be a difficult time of year for you but it's not as bad as you think, especially in some of your more negative moments.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21

After your recent exertions you might be tempted to slow down a bit and take a break but the planets suggest you are about to get your second wind.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21

Some people can be obstructive merely for the fun of it and one such person will get you steamed up today.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

If you put yourself out for friends, family and even total strangers over the next 24 hours they will repay you many times over.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20

It may annoy you that there are so many obstacles preventing you from your goal, but one day soon you will recognize that it was in your own best interests.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23

The planets warn you have begun to take a friendship for granted and there could be a shock in store around the time of Sunday's full moon.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18

The Sun in Gemini gives you a more uplifting outlook on life and soon those hardships you have been battling will seem quite minor.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

Your physical and emotional batteries desperately need to be recharged but you can't see yourself finding the time to take things easy for a day.

PISCES

FEB 19-MARCH 20

There may be some depressing events taking place in the world around you but there is no reason why you personally should feel down about it.

WORDY GURDY®

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1. Give a salary to "Anatomy" author (1)
2. TV host Dr. McGraw is going to (1)
3. Those people's body "fur" (1)
4. Chap's "knock knock" offerings (1)
5. Putting an end to renting (2)
6. Drummer Starr's outback dogs (2)
7. Dieter Bertinelli's art salons (3)

Every answer is a rhyming pair of words (like FAT CAT and DOUBLE TROUBLE), and they will fit in the letter squares. The number after the definition tells you how many syllables in each word.

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